



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church, programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus provides financial and mutual aid and assistance to the sick, disabled, and needy members and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council in 1882, to more than 12,000 councils and 1.6 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Knights of Columbus in 2003 provided \$146,362 in charitable donations, and 114,217 volunteer hours to their Church and Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Council of the Knights of Columbus is meeting in convention from April 22nd through 24th, 2005, in Moscow; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the Idaho Knights of Columbus and its members and families for their many contributions to our state and its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 17 through 23, 2005 to be

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE